

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

August 7, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:10 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

William Dodd, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

Joslin Leasca, RNP

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Gerhardt

Deborah G. Brown, RN,MSN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Betsy James, RN Complaint Officer

Marie Steckel, Acting Facilities Regulation Administrator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Donna Policanstro, RNP, RISNA

Marcia Bliss, RN, MS, HARI

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF July 10, 2006

On motion of Ms Breguet, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sharon Smith reported on the activities during the NCSBN Annual Delegate Meeting held the week of August 1, 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah. A series of bylaw changes were discussed/voted on at the meeting that did not pass. Ms Smith requested that Board members provide input on said changes to her and/or Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education to be forwarded to NCSBN. Ms Smith provided reading materials of the meeting for Board members to review at their convenience.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Report given by Pamela McCue, RN, MS, Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

- Puerto Rico's membership to the NCSBN has been terminated. NCSBN has been trying to work with Puerto Rico's Health Department to resolve the issue of Puerto Rico not requiring/offering the NCLEX exam for initial licensure (a requirement for membership to NCSBN). Puerto Rico requires their own exam in either Spanish or English to be taken, thus leaving no alternative for NCSBN regarding membership status.**
- The website that allows the public to verify licensee information has been inoperable for at least a week. This has caused an increase in the number of phone calls and verbal verifications by staff. The IT staff at the Department is working the vendor to resolve the issue quickly.**
- A representative for Mass Bay Community College and a nurse**

administrator from Kent Hospital have requested to be placed on the agenda for the September 18th Board meeting. They wish to inform the Board of a collaborative educational partnership for Kent employees.

Charles Alexandre, Chief of Health Regulations provided the following information;

- RI physicians and pharmacists are now able to renew their license online. By the 2007 renewal period, nurses should be able to access this as well.**
- Federal background checks will be mandatory for all compact states. In RI federal back ground checks are required for massage therapists only.**
- The Governor has approved reappointments of Board members and new appointments. New Board members will be beginning their term at the September 18th meeting.**

BUSINESS

- The Licensee list for July 2006 was distributed (attached).**
- Donna Policastro from RISNA informed the Board of (2) two AMA resolutions focused on limiting the scope of practice of advanced practice nurses. One resolution addressed the concern of the AMA over the use of the title “Doctor” for doctorate prepared nurses.**
- Marie Steckal, Acting Facilities Regulation Administrator informed the Board that the complaint unit would now be under her charge.**
- required training before being allowed to set for the CNA exam.**

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Day, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:10 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 2:55 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Appiah, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today 's meeting:

RN04-017 DEBRA BANDILLI REINSTATEMENT
WITH PROBATION

RN 06-074	VARINA VALLANTE	NO UNPROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT		

**RN 30-639 SHANNON CARROLL KIEFFER REINSTATEMENT WITH
PROBATION**

RN06-024	DENISE SERVOSS-RATIOAN	NO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
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RN03-135	PAUL CAROSI	SUSPENSION
STAYED WITH PROBATION		

PN01-128 PAULINE HAMMOND RELEASE FROM
PROBATION

PN 06-011 ELIZABETH WINNARD REVOCATION

PN06-047	MARGARET DERRICK	NO
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT		

PN06-040	DEBORAH SILVA	NO
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT		

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Sweeney, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eve Sweeney, Secretary